

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

In re: Cost of Living Increase for Towing Rates for Non-Consensual Tows in  
accordance with Report & Order No. 18328.

**Docket No. 05 MC 78**

**Order**

**WHEREAS:** On August 19, 2005, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) issued Report & Order No. 18328, which approved a “Consent Agreement Regarding Rates for Non-Consensual Towing and Storage Within The State of Rhode Island and Related Matters” (“Agreement”) petition, filed jointly by the Rhode Island Public Towing Association, Inc. and the Motor Carriers Section of the Division.

**WHEREAS:** The Agreement provided for an automatic rate adjustment for non-consensual tows to take effect on the 30-month anniversary of Report & Order No. 18328 (August 19, 2008). The adjustment was to be based on the change in the national Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for the preceding 12-month period. Specifically, the Agreement called for non-consensual tow rates to be adjusted on the 30-month anniversary by 80 percent (80%) of the CPI for the immediately preceding 12-month period. The new rate established would then be in effect for a 12-month period.

**WHEREAS:** According to the United States Department of Labor statistics, the CPI for the 12-month period ending January 2008 rose 4.3 percent (4.3%) and eighty percent (80%) of that increase is 3.44 percent (3.44%). The current \$75.00 non-consensual police-ordered tow rate increased by 3.44 percent works out to be \$77.58 and should, for practical purposes, be rounded to \$77.50. The current \$85.00 non-consensually private property tow rate would similarly work out to \$87.92 and should, for practical purposes, be rounded to \$88.00.

Now, therefore,

**It is Ordered (19213)**

That the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers approves the following rates, effective February 20, 2008:

Non-Consensual Police-Ordered Tow:	\$77.50
Non-Consensual Private Property Tow:	\$88.00

The above rates shall remain in effect for a period of 12 months until another scheduled adjustment on the 42-month anniversary of Report & Order No. 18328.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, THIS 20<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

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Thomas F. Ahern  
Administrator